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The Examiner has entered a restriction requirement, grouping the claims as follows:

Group I:      Claims 1-28 and 37-41;  
Group II:      Claims 29-32; and  
Group III:      Claims 33-36.

For prosecution in this Application, Applicants elect Group I, namely claims 1-28 and  
37-41, without traverse.

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